

DECLARATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which was filed on the 18th day of May 1999 under United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/313,177.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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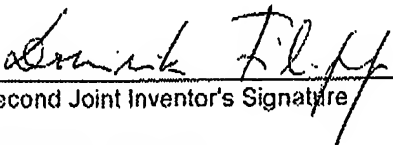


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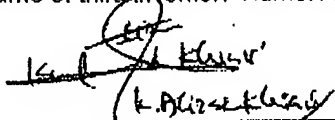


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